

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claims 1-30 (Canceled).

Claim 31 (New): A recording method of recording an information signal inputted via an input path on the recording medium according to copy control information, the information signal corresponding to contents which are to be protected under copy right, the recording method comprising:

a selected conditions setting step of setting a selected condition to eliminate copying of the information signal via an unauthorized path, the selected condition including combinations of a plurality of types of scramble systems applicable to the information signal and a plurality of types of the copy control information;

a discriminating step of discriminating the type of the scramble system of the inputted information signal and the type of the copy control information of the inputted information signal; and

a scramble system applying step of applying a predetermined scramble system to the inputted information signal and producing a scrambled output when a combination of the discriminated type of the scramble system and the discriminated type of the copy control information coincides with that included in the selected condition.

a recording step of recording the scrambled output on the recording medium,

wherein a type of the predetermined scramble system is different from that of the scramble system of the inputted information signal,

wherein a type of the predetermined scramble system is different from that of a scramble system which a reproduction apparatus applies to information signal recorded in the recording medium by the recording step, the reproduction apparatus being capable of reproducing the recording medium.

Claim 32 (New): The recording method according to claim 31, wherein the scramble system applying step applies a scramble system different from that of the information signal recorded on a prerecorded disc to the inputted information signal when the discriminated type of the copy control information of the inputted information signal coincides with that of the inputted information signal recorded on the prerecorded disc and produces the scrambled output.

Claim 33 (New): The recording method according to claim 32, wherein the copy control information permits only one copy of the information signal.

Claim 34 (New): The recording method according to claim 31, wherein the recording method further comprises a descramble system applying step of applying a predetermined descramble system to the inputted information signal,

wherein the scramble system applying step applies the predetermined scramble system to the inputted information signal after the predetermined descramble system is applied.

Claim 35 (New): The recording method according to claim 34, wherein the predetermined descramble system is restricted to a descramble system corresponding to a scramble system which is previously set.

Claim 36 (New): The recording method according to claim 35, wherein the descramble system applying step applies two types of the predetermined descramble systems to two types of scramble systems of the inputted information signals respectively,

one type of the scramble system is a scramble system of the information signal to which the copy control information for permitting only one recording of the information signal outputted from a receiving apparatus (1) in an information recording medium is given, and for permitting only one copy of the recorded information signal to another information recording medium, and

another type of the scramble system is a scramble system of the information signal outputted when reproduction is executed from a recording medium to which the copy control information for permitting only one copy of the information signal is given.

Claim 37 (New): The recording method according to claim 31, wherein the scramble system applying step applies only one predetermined scramble system to the inputted information signal, and the only one predetermined scramble system is a scramble system which is applied to the case where recording information to which copy control information for forbidding copies after the information signal is copied once is given is recorded onto the recording medium.

Claim 38 (New): A recording apparatus for recording an information signal inputted via an input path onto a recording medium according to copy control information, the information signal corresponding to contents which are to be recorded on the recording medium, including copy control information, and being scrambled by means of a predetermined type of scramble system, the recording apparatus comprising:

a selected conditions setting device for setting a selected condition to eliminate copying of the information signal via an unauthorized path, the selected condition including combinations of a plurality of types of scramble systems applicable to the information signal and a plurality of types of the copy control information;

a discriminating device for discriminating the type of the scramble system of the inputted information signal and the type of the copy control information of the inputted information signal; and

a scramble system applying device for applying a predetermined scramble system to the inputted information signal and producing a scrambled output when a combination of the discriminated type of the scramble system and the discriminated type of the copy control information coincides with that included in the selected condition.

a recording device for recording the scrambled output onto the recording medium, wherein a type of the predetermined scramble system is different from that of the scramble system of the inputted information signal,

wherein a type of the predetermined scramble system is different from that of a scramble system which a reproduction apparatus applies to information signal recorded in the recording

medium by the recording device, the reproduction apparatus being capable of reproducing the recording medium.

Claim 39 (New): The recording apparatus according to claim 38, wherein the scramble system applying device applies a scramble system different from that of the information signal recorded on a prerecorded disc to the inputted information signal when the discriminated type of the copy control information of the inputted information signal coincides with that of the inputted information signal recorded on the prerecorded disc and produces the scrambled output.

Claim 40 (New): The recording apparatus according to claim 39, wherein the copy control information permits only one copy of the information signal corresponding to the contents.

Claim 41 (New): The recording apparatus according to claim 38, wherein the recording apparatus further comprises a descramble system applying device for applying a predetermined descramble system to the inputted information signal,

wherein the scramble system applying device applies the predetermined scramble system to the inputted information signal after the predetermined descramble system is applied.

Claim 42 (New): The recording apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the predetermined descramble system is restricted to a descramble system corresponding to a scramble system which is previously set.

Claim 43 (New): The recording apparatus according to claim 42, wherein the descramble system applying device applies two types of the predetermined descramble systems to two types of scramble systems of the inputted information signals respectively,

one type of the scramble system is a scramble system of the information signal to which the copy control information for permitting only one recording of the information signal outputted from a receiving apparatus in an information recording medium is given, and for permitting only one copy of the recorded information signal to another information recording medium, and

another type of the scramble system is a scramble system of the information signal outputted when reproduction is executed from a recording medium to which the copy control information for permitting only one copy of the information signal is given.

Claim 44 (New): The recording apparatus according to claim 38, wherein the scramble system applying device applies only one predetermined scramble system to the inputted information signal, and the only one predetermined scramble system is a scramble system which is applied to the case where recording information to which copy control information for forbidding copies after the information signal is copied once is given is recorded onto the recording medium.

Claim 45 (New): A reproducing method of reading an information signal from a recording medium and reproducing it according to copy control information, the information signal corresponding to contents which are protected under copyright, being recorded on the recording medium via an input path, including copy control information, and being scrambled by means of a predetermined type of scramble system, the reproducing method comprising:

a selected conditions setting step of setting a selected condition to eliminate copying of the information signal via an unauthorized path, the selected condition including combinations of a plurality of types of scramble systems applicable to the information signal and a plurality of types of the copy control information;

a discriminating step of discriminating the type of the scramble system of the read information signal and the type of the copy control information of the read information signal;

a scramble system applying step of applying a predetermined scramble system to the read information signal and producing a scrambled output when a combination of the discriminated type of the scramble system and the discriminated type of the copy control information coincides with that included in the selected condition; and

a reproducing step of reproducing the scrambled output,

wherein a type of the predetermined scramble system is different from that of the scramble system of the read information signal,

a type of the predetermined scramble system is different from that of a scramble system which a recording apparatus applies to information signal when the recording apparatus records the information signal in a recording medium, the information signal reproduced by the reproduction step.

Claim 46 (New): The reproduction method according to claim 45, wherein the reproduction method further comprises the a forbidding reproducing step of forbidding reproducing the read information signal when a combination of the discriminated type of the scramble system and the discriminated type of the copy control information does not coincide with that included in a selected condition, wherein the selected condition includes combinations of a plurality of types of scramble systems applicable to the information signal and a plurality of types of the copy control information to eliminate copying of the information signal via an unauthorized path.

Claim 47 (New): The reproduction method according to claim 45, wherein different scramble systems are applied to the information signal according to the combinations of the scramble systems of the information signal recorded on the recording medium and the copy control information signals.

Claim 48 (New): The reproduction method according to claim 47, wherein the scramble system applied to the information signal when reproduction is executed from the recording medium to which copy control information for permitting only one recording of the information signal in an information recording medium is given, and for permitting only one copy of the recorded information signal to another information recording medium, is different from a scramble system, which is applied to the information signal when the reproduction is executed from the recording medium onto which the information signal with copy control information for forbidding copies after the information signal is copied once is recorded, and is also different

from the scramble system, which is applied to the information signal with copy control information for permitting only one copy of the information signal outputted from a receiving apparatus.

Claim 49 (New): A reproduction apparatus for reading an information signal from a recording medium and reproducing it according to copy control information, the information signal corresponding to contents which are protected under copyright, being recorded on the recording medium via an input path, including copy control information, and being scrambled by means of a predetermined type of scramble system, the reproduction apparatus comprising:

a selected conditions setting device for setting a selected condition to eliminate copying of the information signal via an unauthorized path, the selected condition including combinations of a plurality of types of scramble systems applicable to the information signal and a plurality of types of the copy control information;

a discriminating device for discriminating the type of the scramble system of the read information signal and the type of the copy control information of the read information signal;

a scramble system applying device of applying a predetermined scramble system to the read information signal and producing a scrambled output when a combination of the discriminated type of the scramble system and the discriminated type of the copy control information coincides with that included in the selected condition;

a reproducing device for reproducing the scrambled output,

wherein a type of the predetermined scramble system is different from that of the scramble system of the read information signal,

a type of the predetermined scramble system is different from that of a scramble system which a recording apparatus applies to information signal when the recording apparatus records the information signal in a recording medium, the information signal reproduced by the reproduction apparatus.

Claim 50 (New): The reproduction apparatus according to claim 49, wherein the reproduction apparatus further comprises the a forbidding reproducing device for forbidding reproducing the read information signal when a combination of the discriminated type of the scramble system and the discriminated type of the copy control information does not coincide with that included in a selected condition, wherein the selected condition includes combinations of a plurality of types of scramble systems applicable to the information signal and a plurality of types of the copy control information to eliminate copying of the information signal via an unauthorized path.

Claim 51 (New): The reproduction apparatus according to claim 49, wherein different scramble systems are applied to the information signal according to the combinations of the scramble systems of the information signal recorded on the recording medium and the copy control information signals.

Claim 52 (New): The reproduction apparatus according to claim 51, wherein the scramble system applied to the information signal when reproduction is executed from the recording medium to which copy control information for permitting only one recording of the

information signal in an information recording medium is given, and for permitting only one copy of the recorded information signal to another information recording medium is different from a scramble system, which is applied to the information signal when the reproduction is executed from the recording medium onto which the information signal with copy control information for forbidding copies after the information signal is copied once is recorded, and is also different from the scramble system, which is applied to the information signal with copy control information for permitting only one copy of the information signal outputted from a receiving apparatus.